

TravelWatch- *ISLE OF MAN*

Representing and promoting the interests of Isle of Man Passengers

Dear Members and Supporters

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SPRING SUPPORTER MEETING

Our next SUPPORTER MEETING will be taking place at the **Corrin Hall in Peel on Saturday 4th May** starting at 10.00. This is in the grounds of the Cathedral on Derby Road - postcode IM5 1HH. Following the success of our Ramsey meeting last year we have decided to try and organise meetings outside Douglas from time to time, so this will be our first in the West of the Island. These are relatively informal meetings without external speakers, to give an opportunity for discussion of passenger issues which interest or concern you. All are welcome and admission is free.

BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES

The most recent information we have now suggests that the new 2013 bus timetables are planned to come into operation on 5th May. Final details have yet to be published.

OPEN SKIES HEARINGS

You may be aware that the Island's "Open Skies" policy is currently being examined by the Tynwald Economic Policy Review Committee. TravelWatch have already submitted evidence (available on our website at <http://www.travelwatch-isleofman.org/media--publications.html>) but have now been invited to appear at a public hearing which we expect to be on the afternoon of 15th May. Final details of the arrangements and precise venue will be posted on <http://www.tynwald.org.im/business/committee/eprc/Pages/default.aspx> nearer the time. This will be a Public Hearing and we would encourage members and supporters to go along to witness the proceedings. TWIOM Committee Member Terry Liddiard will also be giving evidence separately based on his lifetime experience in the airline industry.

The Hansard report on evidence already given in public by Ministers Cretney and Shimmin is available at <http://www.tynwald.org.im/business/hansard/20002020/eprcos130313.pdf>

NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETING

Our next PUBLIC MEETING will be at the Villa Marina on Saturday morning November 16th. Please put the date in your diaries - further details will be circulated nearer the time.

A report on our March Public Meeting, together with copies of the Power Point presentations used is available on our website at <http://www.travelwatch-isleofman.org/mar-2013-public-meeting.html>

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